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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO JORDAN ON UN CLONING RESOLUTION

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1. A/PolCouns and Pol Intern met 2 July with Dr. Mousa Braizat, director, International Organizations Department, Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Nayef al-Zaidan, assistant and consultant to the director; and, Mr. Ayman al-Ameri, second assistant and consultant to the director.

2. After discussing U.S. initiatives for the 58th UN General Assembly (reported septel), A/PolCouns delivered ref talking points requesting GOJ support for the Costa Rican resolution on human cloning. Braizat suggested that GOJ decisions regarding a cloning convention would likely be made in New York and would likely involve the input of several GOJ actors. All three officials emphasized the complexity of the issue.

3. It is worth noting that Jordan served as rapporteur for the UN,s Ad Hoc Committee on an International Convention against the Reproductive Cloning of Human Beings in early 2002. Given this role, GOJ,s UN Mission should be well informed on this issue.

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